Attorney Docket No. 100337.54289D2 PATENT

REMARKS

Entry of the present amendments prior to examination is respectfully

Claims may be found at least in the detailed description of the requested.

invention, especially the section of the disclosure pertaining to use of T1R2 in

binding and functional assays, the sequence disclosures, and the original claims et

seq. Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this

application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated

since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this

paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a

timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees

be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, P.L.L.C., Deposit Account No.

05-1323 (Docket #100337.54289D2).

Respectfully submitted,

December 2, 2003

ROBIN L. TESKIN

Registration No. 35,030

Crowell & Moring LLP

P.O. Box 14300

Washington, D.C. 20004-4300

Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500

Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844

Doc. No. 2095247

- 13 -